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From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: The Naval Research Advisory Committee

Ref: (a) Act of 1 August 1946, P.L. 588, 79th Congress (5 USC 475)
(b) Title 10, U.S. Code, Section 5153
(c) SECNAVINST 5420.60G

1. Purpose. To restate the functions and authority of the Naval Research Advisory Committee (NRAC).

2. Cancellation. SECNAVINST 5420.79B.

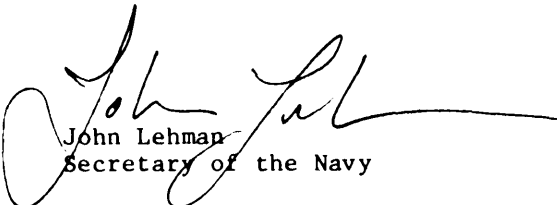
3. Authority. Section 4 of reference (a), codified by reference (b), authorized the appointment of the Naval Research Advisory Committee to consult with and advise the Secretary of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations, and the Chief of Naval Research in matters pertaining to research and development as those terms are broadly interpreted. By statute the Committee consists of not more than fifteen persons preeminent in the fields of science, research and development, one of the members being selected from the field of medicine, to be appointed by the Secretary of the Navy. The Committee management guidelines will be followed in accordance with reference (c).

4. Mission. The Committee is the senior scientific advisory group to the Secretary of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and the Chief of Naval Research/Chief of Naval Development. The general task of the Committee is to know problems of the Navy and Marine Corps, to keep abreast of the research and development which is being carried on in relation to the problems and to offer a judgment to the Navy and Marine Corps as to whether the efforts are adequate. The Committee, itself or through the use of Panels or Working Groups, conducts studies or investigations as directed by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Engineering and Systems) (ASN(R,E&S)). (A)

5. Membership. The members will be appointed by the Secretary of the Navy, after approval by the Office of Secretary of Defense, for a period not to exceed two years. Terms will be staggered to provide for rotation of members while maintaining adequate continuity of membership. Committee members may serve for no more than two years, unless they are reappointed by the Secretary for additional periods of service. Such additional appointments may be made for periods up to two years. No Committee member may serve for more than six consecutive years. Members of Panels and Working Groups are appointed, with the approval of the ASN(R,E&S) and the Office of the Secretary of Defense, to serve for the period required for the particular study, but not to exceed two years. (A)

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6. Chair/Vice Chair. The Chair/Vice Chair of NRAC shall be selected from the NRAC membership by the ASN(R,E&S) and shall serve for a two-year term. In the absence or unavailability of the Chair, the Vice Chair shall act in his/her behalf. Chairs of Panels and Working Groups are appointed by the NRAC Chair from among the NRAC membership.
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7. Executive Committee. An Executive Committee is formed for the purpose of identification and formulation of proposed NRAC efforts and such other NRAC-related matters as the ASN(R,E&S) may direct. The Executive Committee will report directly to the ASN(R,E&S) and will be composed of the following members:
- R)
- Director, RDT&E (OP-098)
Chief of Naval Research/Chief of Naval Development
Deputy Chief of Staff (RD&S), USMC
Deputy Assistant Secretaries of the Navy as designated by the
ASN(R,E&S)
8. Executive Director. The Chief of Naval Research is hereby designated the Executive Director of NRAC. The Executive Director of NRAC provides, under the direction of the ASN(R,E&S), the necessary technical, financial and administrative support for the effective operation of NRAC and the Executive Committee.
9. Meetings. The Committee meets at such times as specified by and with an agenda as approved by the ASN(R,E&S) and as called by the Chair. A simple majority shall constitute a quorum for conduct of business of the Committee.
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10. Recommendations. Reports and recommendations of the NRAC shall be directed to the ASN(R,E&S). Reports and recommendations of NRAC Panels and Working Groups shall be directed to the NRAC Chair.
- A)
11. Action. The Chief of Naval Operations, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and the Chief of Naval Material, shall provide to the Committee information and access to facilities as required for the prosecution of its work. The Chief of Naval Research shall provide accommodations and staff as directed by the ASN(R,E&S), and shall facilitate the work of the Committee through contracts and other suitable means.
12. Reports. The reports required by Section 10 of this instruction are exempt from report control by OPNAVINST 5214.7.


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